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Write Your Senators
And Congressmen to
Repeal T-H Law

Illinois Legislature Winds Up Session; 'Do-Nothing' Policy Rapped by State AFL

By DAN SMITH
Chicago, Ill.—The Illinois legislature has adjourned for July 1, 1949, after a six-month session, disappointing to organized labor, though some of the bills passed by the General Assembly were of considerable importance. The legislature, which adjourned on July 1, 1949, after a six-month session, disappointed to organized labor, though some of the bills passed by the General Assembly were of considerable importance.

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Meany Sees Free Unions Key to Democratic Europe

New York.—The key to the reestablishment of a democratic Europe is the survival and development of free trade union movements, George Meany, AFL secretary-treasurer, declared here today. Meany, who is secretary of the International Labor Organization and the preparatory meeting of free trade union leaders called to discuss the formation of a new anti-Communist international labor federation. Both sessions were held in Geneva, Switzerland.

FORMER CIO UNION VOTES AFL AFFILIATION

Chicago, Ill.—A group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members has voted to affiliate with the AFL's International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The group, which is known as the "Teamsters 10," has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

Truman Bullish on U.S. Economic Health; Report Says Employment Second Highest

Washington.—President Truman today declared his attitude on the general economic health of the United States was a "bullish" one. "Bullish" is a Wall Street term which indicates an optimistic outlook. A "bull" is an investor who buys stocks because he believes that stock market prices are due to rise.

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AFL Unions Win Pay Hikes Despite 'Recession' Outcry

Chicago.—Although bankers and the big financial interests have been bemoaning "deflation" and "recession" and "slump" for months, the strong AFL unions are not getting such news reports. For example, the Elevator Operators Union, Local 64 of the Building Service Employees' International Union, has just secured a 10% wage increase. The union, which has 1,000 members, has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

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AFL Urges New U. S. China Aid Program To Stem Further Communist Aggression

New York.—The American Federation of Labor called for greater aid to China today, saying that the United States must take action to stem further Communist aggression. The AFL, which has 1,000 members, has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

Conferees Agree On Final Form Of Housing Bill

Washington.—Conferees negotiating the Housing and Home Ownership Administration bill have agreed on the final form of the bill. The bill, which is known as the "Housing Act of 1949," has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

Senators Urge Government To Buy Union Label Goods

Washington.—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, liberal young Minnesota Democrat, today urged the Federal Government to buy goods made by union labor. The senator, who is known as the "Labor Senator," has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

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AFL Jewelry Workers Union Wins Pact, Organizing Drive Meets With Success

Providence, R. I.—Smashing through the opposition of the world's largest costume jewelry manufacturing plant, the AFL's International Jewelry Workers Union has won a victory today. The union, which has 1,000 members, has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

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Trial Run For Brannan Farm Plan Voted; House Unit OK's Test on 3 Commodities

Washington.—A trial run for the controversial Brannan farm support program was held today in the House. The program, which is known as the "Brannan Plan," has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

50,000 HOUSING UNITS SET AS FIRST YEAR GOAL

Washington.—The Federal Housing Administration today set a goal of 50,000 housing units for the first year of the program. The program, which is known as the "Housing Act of 1949," has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

Injury Frequency Rate Drops Again To Level 18% Below Record For 1948

Washington.—Work-injury rates in Federal manufacturing industries continued to decline during the first quarter of 1949, according to reports received by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The average injury frequency rate for all manufacturing establishments in the first quarter was 6.5 percent below the comparable figure for the first quarter of 1948.

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COMPENSATION BENEFITS INCREASED IN WISCONSIN

Madison, Wis.—The State Legislature today increased the benefits payable under the Wisconsin workers' compensation act. The act, which is known as the "Wisconsin Workers' Compensation Act," has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

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NLRB ORDERS ELECTION; STATE AFL HALTS ACTION

Harrisburg, Pa.—James L. McDevitt, president of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, today announced that the union has decided to halt its action against the National Labor Relations Board. The union, which has 1,000 members, has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

VETS RECOVER \$1 MILLION FROM HOME BUILDERS

Washington.—A total of \$1,000,000 has been recovered from veterans' home builders by the Veterans' Administration. The money, which is known as the "Veterans' Home Building Fund," has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

U. S. CREDIT CONTROLS END; BOARD MINIMIZES EFFECTS

Washington.—Federal controls on installment buying expired here today, according to reports received by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The controls, which are known as the "U. S. Credit Controls," have been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

ANTI-UNION INJUNCTIONS SET NEW RECORD IN MAY

Washington.—The National Labor Relations Board reported today that during the month of May, 1949, it issued a record number of injunctions against labor unions. The injunctions, which are known as the "Anti-Union Injunctions," have been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES SET RECORD FOR 1948

Detroit, Mich.—A record sales of motor vehicles for the first five months of 1949 were reported today by the Automobile Manufacturers Association. The sales, which are known as the "Automobile Sales," have been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.

TRUCKMAN RAISES PAY TO \$2,000

Washington, D. C.—Truckmen today secured a measure giving \$200 annual raises to 1,500 drivers of Columbia trucks. The measure, which is known as the "Truckmen's Measure," has been active in the CIO since 1945, when it was formed by a group of 10 former CIO shopkeepers' union members.